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Re: Description: WATER TREATMENT DEVICE- SOFTENER
Manufacturer: ECOWATER SYSTEMS INC
Product Name: GE SMARTWATER (POE)
Model Number(s): GXSF18G (POE)
Product File No: 20090312

The specifications and/or plans for this plumbing product have been reviewed and determined to be in compliance with chapters Comm 82 through 84, Wisconsin Administrative Code, and Chapters 145 and 160, Wisconsin Statutes.

The Department hereby issues an approval based on the Wisconsin Statutes and the Wisconsin Administrative Code. This approval is valid until the end of October 2014.

This approval supersedes the approval issued on September 29, 2004 under product file number 20040507.

This approval is contingent upon compliance with the following stipulation(s):

- This product has undergone sufficient testing to document the product's ability to reduce only those contaminants and/or substances as specified in this approval letter when the product is installed and maintained in strict accordance with the manufacturers published instructions.
- Where the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has jurisdiction, a written approval may be required prior to installation of this product in a water supply system to reduce the concentration of a contaminant that exceeds the primary drinking water standards contained in ch. NR 809, Wis. Admin. Code, the enforcement standards contained in ch. NR 140, Wis. Admin. Code, or for a water supply system that is subject to a written advisory opinion by the DNR. For more information contact the DNR Section of Private Water Systems, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707, telephone (608) 266-3415.
- If this approved device is modified or additional assertions of function or performance are made, then this approval shall be considered null and void, unless the change is submitted to the department for review and the approval is reaffirmed.
- These cation exchange water softeners shall be sized, installed, programmed and maintained such that wastewater volumes, total dissolved solids and chloride discharges are minimized.
- The department does not recommend the use of water softeners for reducing dissolved iron concentrations in excess of 3.0 mg/l. This is because applying water softeners in this way sacrifices long-term water softener performance and efficiency. The use of water softeners for reducing dissolved iron concentrations exceeding 3.0 mg/l also generates excessive, and otherwise avoidable, quantities of chloride and dissolved solids which are subsequently discharged to ground and/or surface water supplies. Once present in ground and/or surface water supplies, chloride and dissolved solids tend to remain in the water resource and may travel great distances from the original point source. Presently, there are no economically viable methods to remove chloride and dissolved solids from water supplies because available technologies generate waste streams of their own, further concentrating the problem. It has been established by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources that chloride is chronically toxic to representative aquatic organisms, including forage and sport fish, at 395 mg/l, and acutely toxic at 757 mg/l.

- These devices are not approved for the reduction of bacterial, colloidal or organically bound forms of iron.

The water must be tested to speciate the iron present to determine if these devices can provide adequate treatment.

Based on testing data submitted to and reviewed by the department, this approval recognizes that this plumbing product will reduce the concentration of contaminants as specified on pages 1 through 2 of this letter.

WATER SOFTENING CAPABILITIES
PRODUCT FILE NUMBER 20090312
TABLE 1 OF 1

Model Number	Capacity*						
SmartWater	Rating 1		Rating 2		Rating 3		Flow Rate
Metered	Grains	Pounds	Grains	Pounds	Grains	Pounds	gpm @ psig
GXSf18G	8,000	1.8	13,300	3.8	18,800	10.2	7.0 @ 8.0

Other conditions: the softener capacity rating is based on grains of hardness, due to calcium and magnesium cations, removed (as calcium carbonate) while producing soft water between successive regenerations and is related to the pounds of salt required for each regeneration. The tests run to generate the data for table 1 were conducted in accordance with NSF Standard 44. NSF Standard 44 also makes a provision, for water softeners containing 100% sulfonated polystyrene di-vinyl benzene cation exchange media, for barium and radium reduction claims based on successfully meeting the standards' hardness reduction capacity testing requirements. Hardness is an acceptable surrogate for barium and radium because studies conducted on sulfonated polystyrene di-vinyl benzene cation exchange media have documented that if hardness is reduced to less than 1.0 grain per gallon (1 grain per gallon = 17.1 mg/l), then barium and radium will also be effectively reduced. The influent barium concentration must not exceed 10 mg/l, and the influent radium concentration must not exceed 25 pCi/l.

This device was tested under controlled laboratory, or field, conditions. The actual performance of this device for a specific end use installation will vary from the tested conditions based on local factors such as water pressure, water temperature and water chemistry.

The department is in no way endorsing this product or any advertising, and is not responsible for any situation which may result from its use.

Sincerely,

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